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SUBJ: LUNS' REPORT ON HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON CONCERNING US

EMBARGO ON AID TO TURKEY

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SUMMARY: REACTING TO PRESS REPORTS OF ADVERSE GREEK REACTIONS TO HIS VISIT TO THE US, SYG LUNS CALLED A PRIVATE MEETING OF PERMREPS SEPTEMBER 15 WHERE HE DESCRIBED HIS TRIP AND WHERE (A) GREEK PERMREP SAID HE LATER WOULD SPEAK PRIVATELY ON INSTRUCTIONS WITH LUNS ABOUT THE PUBLIC PRESENTATION OF THE TRIP, RECALLED THAT THE EMBARGO WAS ONLY ONE ASPECT OF THE SITUATION IN THE SOUTHEASTERN FLANK, AND NOTED LACK OF PROGRESS IN CYPRUS AND GREEK-TURKISH NEGOTIATIONS; (B) TURKISH PERMREP APPLAUDED TRIP; AND (C) DEAN OF PERMREPS DE STAERCKE (BELGIUM) AND FRG PERMREP SUPPORTED LUNS' EFFORTS. END SUMMARY.

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1. IMPELLED BY REPORTS IN THE PRESS REFLECTING GREEK CRITICISM OF HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON, LUNS CONVENED PRIVATE NAC SESSION SEPTEMBER 15 TO DESCRIBE RESULTS OF HIS TRIP, AS HE SAW THEM, AND TO HERE RE-

ACTIONS.

2. RECALLING THAT HE HAD INFORMED PERMREPS THAT HE PLANNED TO VISIT WASHINGTON AND HIS PURPOSE IN SO DOING, LUNS UNDERLINED INITIALLY THAT, IN ALL OF HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS AND PRESS REPRESENTATIVES, HE HAD TALKED OF ALL RPT ALL OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS AFFECTING THE SOUTHEASTERN FLANK, NOT ONLY THE US EMBARGO. WHILE HIS COMMENTS ON OTHER ASPECTS WERE HEARD, LITTLE NOTICE WAS TAKEN OF ANY MATTER EXCEPT THE EMBARGO, WHICH WAS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO CONGRESSMEN AND THE PRESS. HE ALSO HAD MADE CLEAR THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN INVITED BY THE USG, THOUGH HE DEEPLY APPRECIATED EXCELLENT RECEPTION AND ARRANGEMENTS ACCORDED BY ADMINISTRATION REPRESENTATIVES. IN HIS CONVERSATIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT, HE SAID, HE HAD DISCUSSED THE SINAI AGREEMENT, SPAIN, PORTUGAL, CSCE AND OTHER MATTERS BEYOND THE SOUTHEASTERN FLANK.

3. LUNS REPORTED THAT ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS WERE EXTREMELY WORRIED ABOUT THE DETERIORATING DEFENSE POSTURE IN THE GREEK-TURKISH SECTOR. GENERAL HAIG, HE SAID, HAD MADE A STRONG PLEA, WELL RECEIVED BY USG, THAT THE US MAKE ALL POSSIBLE EFFORTS TO LIFT THE EMBARGO. MOREOVER, LUNS STATED, HE HAD BEEN INFORMED THROUGH MILITARY REPORTS OF THE DETERIORATING SITUATION WITH REGARD TO TURKISH FORCES. THE 500,000 TURKISH MEN UNDER ARMS, LUNS SAID, COULD NO LONGER BE MAINTAINED AT STRENGTH WITH ADEQUATE EQUIPMENT AND AMMUNITION UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. ACCORDINGLY, IT WAS LUNS' PERSONAL VIEW, EXPRESSED TO HIS WASHINGTON INTERLOCUTORS, THAT THE GOT WOULD LIKELY FEEL OBLIGED TO TAKE MORE STRINGENT MEASURES AND HE FEARED IT MIGHT ALSO FEEL OBLIGED TO REASSESS ITS RELATIONS WITH THE ALLIANCE. IN HIS CONVERSATIONS IN WASHINGTON,
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TON, LUNS SAID, HE ALSO HAD REFERRED TO THE CONCERNS OF THE EC-NINE.

4. OF THOSE PRESENT AT HIS MEETING WITH ABOUT 25 CONGRESSMEN, LUNS REPORTED, FEW HAD BEEN SPONSORES OF THE EMBARGO, BUT A NUMBER HAD VOTED IN FAVOR. IN RESPONSE TO QUERIES FROM CONGRESSMEN PRESENT AS TO LUNS' VIEW WHETHER THE EMBARGO WOULD INDUCE TURKEY TO MAKE CONCESSIONS NECESSARY TO LEAD TO A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT, LUNS SAID EMBARGO THUS FAR HAD NOT LED TURKS TO MAKE CONCESSIONS AND HE BELIEVED THAT GOT COULD NOT GO FURTHER SO LONG AS THE EMBARGO PERSISTED. MOREOVER, IN RESPONSE TO A QUERY WHETHER GOG OR ITS OFFICIALS WOULD INDICATE GOG SUPPORT FOR LIFTING THE

EMBARGO, LUNS SAID THAT HE HAD REPLIED IN A HYPOTHETICAL VEIN THAT IF HE WERE PRIME MINISTER OF GREECE HE WOULD NOT MAKE SUCH A STATEMENT BECAUSE OF THE ADVERSE IMPACT

IT WOULD HAVE IN CERTAIN QUARTERS OF GREEK PUBLIC AND POLITICAL OPINION.

5. LUNS ALSO SAID HE HAD STRESSED HIS DEEP PERSONAL CONCERN ABOUT THE EFFECT OF THE DETERIORATING SITUATION IN THE SOUTHEASTERN FLANK ON THE VIABILITY OF THE ALLIANCE, FOR HE COULD FORESEE FURTHER ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES FOR US-TURKISH RELATIONS AND FOR THE TURKISH CONTRIBUTION TO NATO IF THE EMBARGO CONTINUED. CONTRADICTING THOSE CONGRESSMEN WHO THOUGHT GOT MIGHT MAKE OFFENSIVE MOVES AGAINST GREECE IF THE FORMER HAD ADDITIONAL ARMS, LUNS SAID HE HAD STRESSED THAT IT WAS INCONCEIVABLE, IN HIS VIEW, FOR RESUMPTION OF ARMS SHIPMENTS TO ENCOURAGE AGGRESSION.

6. RECALLING HIS CONVERSATION WITH SPEAKER ALBERT AND THREE HOUSE WHIPS, LUNS REPORTED THAT THE LEADERSHIP HAD BEEN WORKING TOWARD A VOTE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT, BECAUSE OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY MEETING IN COPENHAGEN THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 22, THE VOTE WOULD BE DEFERRED PENDING THE RETURN OF CONGRESSMEN TO WASHINGTON.

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7. REGARDING HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH THE PRESS, LUNS SAID HE HAD MET WITH 12 CORRESPONDENTS WHO HAD FOCUSED ON THE EMBARGO DESPITE LUNS' EFFORTS TO ADDRESS OTHER PROBLEMS. TO THE PRESS, HE REPORTED HE SAID THAT HE COULD NOT FORECAST THE CONGRESSIONAL VOTE, THAT OTHER ALLIED MILITARY ASSISTANCE HAD NOT BEEN SIGNIFICANT -- THOUGH THE FRG HAD GIVEN SOME AID, AND THAT HE DID NOT ANTICIPATE SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONAL ALLIED CONTRIBUTIONS OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY IN LIGHT OF THE OTHER PRESSURES ON ALLIED DEFENSE POSTURES. HE ALSO HAD TOLD THE PRESS, HE SAID, THAT HE FOUND SOME CONFUSED THINKING AMONG MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, WHO ASKED LUNS NOT TO OVERLOOK THE INTERNAL SITUATION IN THEIR CONSTITUENCIES. IN RESPONSE, LUNS SAID, HE HAD TOLD THE CONGRESSMEN HE WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO DEAL WITH INTERNAL PROBLEMS AND HAD NOTED THAT DOMESTIC CONSIDERATIONS WERE NOT ALWAYS THE BEST BASIS FOR DEALING WITH FOREIGN POLICY PROBLEMS.

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8. SUMMING UP, LUNS SAID HE FOUND THE PRESENT MOOD OF CONGRESS MORE FAVORABLE THAN PRIOR TO THE LAST VOTE.

9. GREEK PERMREP THEODOROPOULOS STATED THAT HE WOULD ADDRESS LATER AND PRIVATELY WITH LUNS THE ISSUE OF THE PUBLIC PRESENTATION OF LUNS' TRIP AND TO CONVEY, ON INSTRUCTIONS, THE VIEWS OF HIS GOVERNMENT. CONCERNING THE GENERAL FRAMEWORK OF LUNS' VISIT, THEODOROPOULOS REPEATED, AS HE SAID HE HAD DONE SO OFTEN, THAT THE SITUATION IN THE SOUTH-EASTERN FLANK DID NOT STEM EXCLUSIVELY FROM THE EMBARGO. RATHER, THE EMBARGO HAD ARISEN IN A MUCH WIDER CONTEXT, EMBRACING CYPRUS AND HAVING RAMIFICATIONS WITH REAGR D TO AEGEAN AIR AND SEA SPACE. ACCORDINGLY, THE ISSUE OF THE EMBARGO SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BY THE ALLIANCE ONLY IN THIS BROADER CONTEXT. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS, THEODOROPOULOS CONTINUED, HAD HEIGHTENED APPREHENSIONS IN ATHENS. THE FOURTH ROUND OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS HAD COME TO NOTHING;
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DENKTASH HAD ARRIVED IN NEW YORK WITH NO PROPOSALS BUT HAD INVITED CLERIDES TO MAKE PROPOSALS ON BI-REGIONAL FEDERATION, STRUCTURE OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT, AND THE GEOGRAPHICAL EXTENT OF TWO FEDERATED STATES. MOREOVER, RECENT PRESS REPORTS SUGGEST THAT

DENKTASH IS SEEKING GOT BLESSING TO DECLARE THE TURKISH SECTOR AN INDEPENDENT STATE AND THERE HAVE BEEN THREATS THAT FAMAGUSTA WILL BE OPEN TO RE-SETTLEMENT BY TURKISH CYPRIOTS IN ITS ENTIRETY. HENCE, THE OUTLOOK FOR CYPRUS IS BLEAK. CONCERNING BILATERAL GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS, THEODOROPOULOS SAID, THERE HAVE BEEN NO RESULTS FROM THE THIRD ROUND OF TALKS ON AEGEAN AIR SPACE. MOREOVER, THROUGH NO FAULT OF GREECE, THERE HAS BEEN NON PROGRESS ON THE ISSUE OF SUBMITTING THE MATTER OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF TO THE ICJ. IN THE LAST WEEK OR SO, TWO NEW PROBLEMS HAVE ARISEN: (1) THE TURKISH FLAG HAS BEEN RAISED ON TWO "ROCKS" IN THE DODECANESE ISLANDS, WHICH ARE CLEARLY GREEK TERRITORY UNDER THE TREATY OF 1911; AND (2) THE TURKISH AUTHORITIES HAD INFORMED GREECE RECENTLY THAT TURKEY DID NOT RECOGNIZE THE 10-MILE "TERRITORIAL AIR SPACE" EVEN THOUGH IT HAD BEEN IN FORCE FOR 44 YEARS AND NEVER CONTESTED.

10. THEODOROPOULOS CONCLUDED THAT, IN LIGHT OF RECENT EVENTS, ATHENS HAD VERY SERIOUS MISGIVINGS ABOUT THE FUTURE, WHICH MAY HOLD A NEW CRISIS. IT IS IN THIS CONTEXT, THEODOROPOULOS SAID, THE PROBLEM OF THE EMBARGO SHOULD BE VIEWED. IT WAS NOT POLITICALLY CORRECT TO ISOLATE THE EMBARGO. ACCORDINGLY, HE SAID, "WE DO NOT CONSIDER THAT YOUR TRIP TO WASHINGTON HAS TO ANY EXTENT BEEN HELPFUL IN RESOLVING CONFLICT OR EVEN IN REDUCING TENSION."

11. LUNS STRESSED THAT IT WAS NOT HIS INTENTION TO SEEK TO SOLVE THE CYPRUS CRISIS IN WASHINGTON, FOR THIS MATTER LAY OUTSIDE THE COMPETENCE OF THE ALLIANCE. RATHER, HE HAD VISITED WASHINGTON TO EXPRESS THE VIEWS OF THE SYG AND OF THE COUNTRIES OF NATO. HE HAD TALKED

ABOUT ALL PRESENT DIFFICULTIES, LUNS SAID. THE US,
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ACCORDING TO LUNS, HAD MADE CLEAR IT COULD NOT EXERCISE ANY INFLUENCE ON TURKEY BECAUSE OF THE EMBARGO; IT IS THE EMBARGO THAT MAKES A SOLUTION NOT ONLY DIFFICULT BUT ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE. LUNS STRESSED HE WAS NOT SHOWING SYMPATHY TO TURKEY OR ANTIPATHY TO ANYONE, BUT IF ANY COUNTRY OF THE ALLIANCE WERE IN A SIMILAR SITUATION HE WOULD MAKE THE SAME PRESENTATION. IN HIS PRESENTATION TO CONGRESSMEN, LUNS HAD EMPHASIZED THAT HE MUST SPEAK CAREFULLY BECAUSE OF THE HISTORY OF STRONG ATTACKS BY PAPANDREOU ON HIM. MOREOVER, HE HAD BEEN TOLD BY SENIOR US OFFICIALS THAT THE PRESENT GREAT DIFFICULTIES BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY WERE MORE HAMPERED THAN AIDED IN THEIR RESOLUTION BY THE CONTINUATION OF THE EMBARGO.

12. TURKISH PERMREP ERALP EXPRESSED APPRECIATION, AS HE REPORTED FOREIGN MINISTER GAGLAYANGIL HAD PERSONALLY EARLIER THAT DAY, FOR LUNS' EFFORTS AS A VIGILANT GUARDIAN OF THE ALLIANCE. LUNS' DIAGNOSIS THAT NOTHING FURTHER COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED UNTIL THE EMBARGO WAS LIFTED WAS SHARED NOT ONLY BY THE USG BUT BY OTHERS AS WELL. RESPONDING TO THEODOROPOULOS' COMMENTS ON GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS, ERALP SAID THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS DO NOT BELIEVE CLERIDES CAME TO THE TALKS IN GOOD FAITH ; RATHER, HIS AIM WAS TO INTERRUPT THEM IN ANTICIPATION OF MAKARIOS' VISIT TO NEW YORK AND THE LATTER'S EFFORTS TO RESUME DISCUSSIONS OF CYPRUS IN UNGA. TURKEY WAS ANXIOUS TO MAKE PROGRESS, ERALP SAID, BUT DID NOT BELIEVE IT COULD COME FORWARD UNDER THE PRESSURE OF THE EMBARGO, WHICH IS DIFFERENT FROM OTHER ASPECTS OF GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS BECAUSE IT AFFECTS THE US, TURKEY AND THE ALLIANCE. HE DISMISSED THE FLAG-RAISING AS THE WORK OF ADVENTUROUS JOURNALISTS AND SAID TURKEY HAD NEVER RECOGNIZED THE 10-MILE AIR SPACE LIMINATION, A PROBLEM WHICH COULD BE DISCUSSED BILATERALLY. REGARDING THE AGEAN AIR SPACE NEGOTIATIONS, HIS IMPRESSION FROM THE COMMUNIQUE WAS NOT PESSIMISTIC.

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13. LUNS RECALLED THAT ALL US ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS HAD SAID A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT WAS NEEDED; BUT THEY HAD CALLED THE EMBARGO A FESTERING SORE. LUNS NOTED THAT HE ALWAYS HAD AGREED FULLY WITH THE GREEK AMBASSADOR THAT THE EMBARGO WAS ONLY PART OF A COMPLEX PROBLEM, BUT IT HAD BEEN THE FOCAL POINT OF DISCUSSION FOR ALL CONGRESSMEN HE MET WHO WANTED TO KNOW IF THE EMBARGO WERE WORKING. WITH FURTHER REGARD TO CYPRUS, LUNS REGRETTED THAT HE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO EXERCISE HIS WATCHING BRIEF.

14. DE STAERCKE THANKED LUNS FOR HIS TRIP IN DEFENSE OF ALLIANCE INTERESTS. ALL GOOD WISHES OF THE PERMREPS, INCLUDING HIS GREEK COLLEAGUE, HAD ACCOMPANIED LUNS, WHO HAD CARRIED OUT HIS ROLE WITHIN CAREFULLY DEFINED LIMITS. LUNS, HE SAID, HAD TRIED PRINCIPALLY TO ELIMINATE THE EMBARGO, WHICH IS A STRONG ELEMENT OF TENSION. IT WAS IN THAT PERSPECTIVE THAT THE PERMREPS HAD SEEN LUNS' VISIT TO WASHINGTON. HOWEVER, DE STAERCKE SAID,
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THEODOROPOULOS WAS RIGHT IN INDICATING THAT THE EMBARGO WAS NOT THE ONLY PROBLEM. NONETHELESS, LUNS HAD BEEN IMPELLED BY A SENSE OF URGENCY IN DEALING WITH THAT ISSUE, WHICH SERVED AS A POINT OF ENTRY FOR A DISCUSSION OF OTHER MATTERS AFFECTING THE SOUTHEASTERN FLANK.

15. DE STAERCKE CONTINUED THAT THE EMBARGO SHOULD BE LIFTED BECAUSE IT ADDS ANOTHER DESTABILIZING ELEMENT; THE ALLIES WANT CONGRESS TO LIFT THE MORTGAGE IT HAS IMPOSED.

16. IN RESPONSE TO A QUERY BY CANADIAN PERMREP MENZIES, LUNS SAID THAT CAGLAYANGIL HAD TOLD HIM EARLIER IN THE DAY TURKEY UNDERSTOOD THAT NATO WAS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EMBARGO AND THAT THE COUNTRIES OF NATO WERE CONCERNED BY AND OPPOSED TO IT. HOWEVER, CAGLAYANGIL HAD ADDED THAT MORE THAN 500,000 TURKS WERE UNDER ARMS FOR NATO AND IF THE EMBARGO CONTINUED TURKEY WOULD BE COMPELLED TO CONSIDER WHAT TO DO, INCLUDING ESPECIALLY, AS CAGLAYANGIL HAD PHRASED IT, "REASSESSING ITS RELATIONS TO NATO." ERLP AFFIRMED LUNS' RECOLLECTION OF CAGLAYANGIL'S VIEWS.

17. FRG PERMREP KRAPF SUPPORTED LUNS' VISIT TO WASHINGTON, AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR HIS HELP. IN HIS VIEW, THE EMBARGO MUST BE LIFTED BEFORE ANYTHING FURTHER CAN HAPPEN. IF THE TRIP'S RESULTS

ARE POSITIVE, IT WILL ALSO HAVE BENEFITED GREECE,
FOR TURKEY WOULD HAVE MORE FLEXIBILITY.

18. NETHERLANDS PERMREP HARTOGH REPORTED THAT GON
HAD INSTRUCTED HIM TO OPPOSE LUNS'S TRIP, THOUGH THE
INSTRUCTIONS HAD ARRIVED TOO LATE FOR USE. HE ALSO
RECALLED A DUTCH RADIO REPORT THAT LUNS HAD SAID IN
WASHINGTON HE SPOKE FOR THE COUNCIL. LUNS RETORTED
THAT HE HAD SPOKEN AS NATO SYG; AND HAD SAID 14
COUNTRIES FAVORED THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO. HE
POINTED OUT THAT HE DOES NOT NEED A MANDATE FROM
THE CONCIL TO EXPRESS HIS VIEWS AND CAN INFORM THE
NAC EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER THE EVENT.

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19. THEODOROPOULOS RECALLED THE BALTIMORE SUN REPORT
THAT LUNS HAD UNDERTAKEN HIS TRIP AT THE MANDATE OF
ALL EXCEPT GREECE AND AT GENERAL HAIG'S SUGGESTION.
HE ALSO CITED THE BALTIMORE SUN TO THE EFFECT THAT LUNS
HAD SAID IT WOULD BE TOO MUCH TO ASK CARAMANLIS TO
PUBLICALLY SUPPORT THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO EVEN
THOUGH CONFRESS WISHED IT LIFTED. LUNS CALLED THE
REPORT "DISTORTED".

20. COMMENT: ARTICLE IN THE SEPTEMBER 15 GUARDIAN
ENTITLED "GREECE WANTS LUNS SACKED" HELPED TOUCH OFF
DISCUSSION AT NATO OF THE GREEK REACTION TO LUNS'
VISIT TO WASHINGTON. THE ARTICLE BY DAVID TONGE
DATELINED ATHENS SEPTEMBER 14 REPORTS THAT LUNS HAS
LONG BEEN OUT OF FAVOR IN ATHENS, REFERS TO AN
OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT DESCRIBING LUNS' TRIP TO
WASHINGTON AS "AN UNJUSTIFIED PERSONAL INTERVENTION,
UNAUTHORIZED BY THE NATO COUNCIL," AND STATES THAT
THE GREEK GOVERNMENT HAS APPARENTLY DECIDED TO
DEMAND, AT THE DECEMBER MINISTERIAL, LUNS' REMOVAL
FROM HIS POST AS SECRETARY GENERAL OF NATO. IN
ADDITION, NATO PRESS SERVICE SUMMARY CARRIES AN AFP
PIECE WHICH SAYS THAT AN AUTHORIZED GREEK SOURCE HAS
EMPHASIZED THAT THE GREEK REPRESENTATIVE AT NATO HAD
TWICE TOLD LUNS THAT HIS TRIP TO WASHINGTON, WITHOUT
A MANDATE FROM THE COUNCIL, WAS UNJUSTIFIED.

21. CONCERNING LUNS' PRIVATE MEETING WITH
THEODOROPOULOS, IN A PRIVATE MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR
BRUCE SEPTEMBER 16, LUNS REPORTED THAT THEODOROPOULOS
HAD COMPLAINED FURTHER ABOUT THE BALTIMORE SUN STORY.
HOWEVER, LUNS SAID THAT THEODOROPOULOS HAD LITTLE TO
SAY AFTER LUNS POINTED OUT THAT THE BALTIMORE SUN
CORRESPONDENT HAD NOT BEEN PRESENT AT LUNS' MEETING
WITH THE PRESS IN WASHINGTON. THEODOROPOULOS,
ACCORDING TO LUNS, ALSO HAD SAID LUNS HAD EMBARRASSED
CARAMANLIS BY STATING THAT THE GREEK PRIME MINISTER

COULD NOT SUPPORT THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO. LUNS
SAID HE HAD CLARIFIED TO THEODOROPOULOS THAT HE HAD
SAID TO THE PRESS THAT (A) IF HE, LUNS, WERE THE
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GREEK PRIME MINISTER AND (B) IF HE HELD THE SAME
VIEWS AS AT PRESENT, HE WOULD NOT PUBLICLY SUPPORT

THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO. MOREOVER, LUNS TOLD
THEODOROPOULOS THAT THE EMBARGO WAS DIVERTING
ATTENTION FROM THE MAIN ISSUES UNDER BILATERAL DIS-
CUSSION BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY, WHERE IT WOULD BE
TO THE GREEK ADVANTAGE TO FOCUS INTERNATIONAL OPINION
ON TURKISH INTRANSIGENCE. END COMMENT.BRUCE

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